

**SENATE, No. 2729**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$9.703 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT appropriating \$9,703,000 from constitutionally dedicated  
2 corporation business tax revenues for the development of lands  
3 by the State for recreation and conservation purposes.  
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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
9 Protection the sum of \$8,628,000 from dedicated corporation  
10 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph  
11 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres  
12 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New  
13 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), and \$1,075,000 from the  
14 unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund -  
15 Constitutional Dedication account made available for this purpose  
16 pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2017, c.99, for the development of  
17 lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in  
18 accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”  
19 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

20 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this  
21 section shall be allocated as follows:  
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23 Project	Amount
24	
25 BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
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27 Access Facilities	\$250,000
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29 CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
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31 Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	400,000
32 Sanitary Facilities	400,000
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34 HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & ACCESS	
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36 Habitat Improvements & Access	250,000
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38 INFRASTRUCTURE	
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40 Bridge Repairs	250,000
41 Building Repairs and Renovations	400,000
42 Health and Life Safety Projects	1,800,000
43 High Hazard and Significant Hazard Dams:	
44 Inspection, Repair, Removal	750,000
45 Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	1,600,000
46 Recreational Development	800,000
47 Road Repairs	400,000
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49 IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	800,000

1	OTHER	
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3	Contingency Fund for Repairs	1,118,000
4	Administration	485,000
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6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,703,000</b>
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8 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6  
9 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the  
10 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the  
11 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.  
12 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified  
13 in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the  
14 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the  
15 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written  
16 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the  
17 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative  
18 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,  
19 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and  
20 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste  
21 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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23 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
24 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to  
25 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12  
26 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$8,628,000 to implement the provisions of  
27 section 1 of this act.

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill appropriates the sum of \$9.703 million to the  
35 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding  
36 for capital projects and park development on lands administered by  
37 the DEP’s Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and  
38 Wildlife pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12  
39 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

40 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally  
41 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to  
42 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,  
43 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014, including  
44 \$1,075,000 from the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk  
45 Mitigation Fund – Constitutional Dedication account made  
46 available for these purposes pursuant to P.L.2017, c.99 (i.e., the  
47 FY2018 annual appropriations act). The “Preserve New Jersey  
48 Act” implements, for State fiscal years 2017 through 2019, the  
49 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland,

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1 and historic preservation. The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres  
2 Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey  
3 Act.”

4 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been  
5 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.